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Telespazio Brasil attends in MundoGeo@Connect 2011

From 14 to 16 June 2011, Telespazio Brasil, a subsidiary of Telespazio (Finmeccanica/Thales), will be attending MundoGEO#Connect, the event dedicated to the geoinformation sector taking place at the Centro de Convenções Frei Caneca in São Paulo (Brazil).

Telespazio Brasil, which will have its own stand at the event, will be demonstrating the innovative features of the Italian COSMO-SkyMed satellite system, which was financed by the Italian Space Agency (ASI), the Italian Ministry of Defence and the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR). The COSMO-SkyMed system comprises a constellation of four radar satellites capable of operating in all atmospheric conditions, day and night, and offers unprecedented revisit times.

The specifications of the COSMO-SkyMed constellation enable constant observation of the Earth, thereby offering application solutions for environmental monitoring, disaster management, security, maritime surveillance and border control that were previously impossible.

For Marzio Laurenti, CEO of Telespazio Brasil, "*MundoGEO#Connect is an important event in the geoinformation field and a rare opportunity for the various protagonists, clients, suppliers, and public-sector opinion makers to meet. The Brazilian remote sensing market still offers huge potential for growth, particularly in the area of satellite radar sensors. Events such as this play a key role in promoting that growth*".

On 15 June, the CEO of Telespazio Brasil will participate in the round-table discussion on the use of satellite imagery in emergency situations.

Telespazio Brasil is a Telespazio subsidiary with its headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, where it has its main teleport, and regional offices in São Paulo, Porto Alegre and Cuiabá. Telespazio Brasil is today one of Brazil's leading providers in the satellite telecommunications sector, offering a wide range of cutting-edge solutions and multimedia services. The company is also active in the Earth observation sector, and it markets the products of the COSMO-SkyMed radar satellite constellation in Brazil on behalf of e-GEOS (ASI/Telespazio).

Telespazio, a joint venture between Finmeccanica (67%) and Thales (33%), is one of the world's leading operators in satellite management services, Earth observation and satellite navigation, as well as in the field of integrated communications and scientific programmes. Telespazio plays a leading role in the reference markets harnessing technological experience acquired over the years and through its participation in major European space programmes such as: Galileo, EGNOS, GMES and COSMO-SkyMed. The company in 2010 generated sales of EUR 437 million, and employed around 2,500 staff.